

THE TURF AND DIAMOND

COMING EVENTS OF BASE BALL AND ON THE TRACK.

Close Games Promised with the Detroit Tigers. They Will Play an Extra Day Here—Pittsburgh to Follow Them—Today's Running Horses.

The local base ball season last week took rather an upward tendency and the even and steady play of the Washingtons against Anson's aggregation during the first three contests was exceedingly encouraging. By hard hitting and clever fielding the Statesmen gained three creditable victories.

The fourth game, however, was thrown away by indifferent play, and when Detroit's line took crossed bats with the Senators Friday it looked as though the home team were frightened out of their wits and were literally defeated before they went on the field. Saturday this case of fright had disappeared, and Washington's representatives in the base ball arena went in and gave the Wolverines all they wanted in order to gain a victory. On Friday pitched a good game, barring the first inning, and proved a puzzle to the victors. However, it may be fairly said that too much should not be expected of the Statesmen just at this time, as several of the players are more or less afflicted with ailments that prevent good ball playing, and which come from over-indulgence in the game.

Another thing that strikes the average observer as unusual is the constant rumors that are being scattered broadcast as to changes in the team. This sort of talk is entirely unfounded, and only results in making the players become rattled, the majority of whom are now playing the best ball they are capable of. It is a pity that a man in one position one day and another the next is not likely to bring out the full strength possessed by the local team. They are not only good fielders as a team, but also good hitters, and as fairly good fielders as a majority of their opponents.

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MR. ROBERT P. DODGE DEAD.

The District of Columbia loses a most estimable citizen and faithful official in the death of Mr. Robert P. Dodge, which took place on Saturday morning at his residence, corner of Twenty-eighth and Q streets, Georgetown.

Mr. Dodge was born in Georgetown, Sept. 1, 1817. He graduated at Princeton College, and also an engineer in the state of Kentucky. In 1846 he gave up business in Kentucky and fixed his residence in Georgetown. During the war he was appointed a paymaster in the army, and afterwards was made the treasurer and assessor of the District, and when the two positions were separated, he was made the assessor, which place he held to the hour of his death.

Mr. Dodge married Miss Caroline R. Heath, daughter of Hon. James A. Heath, of Baltimore, who died four years ago. He leaves one son and four daughters, all of whom were with him in the last hours of his life.

For many years he was an active member of St. John's Church and a member of the vestry. His funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from Oak Hill Chapel, and at noon all the District officers will be closed in respect to his memory.

ROUGHS ON GLENWOOD ROAD.

Drunk Men Take Possession of it on Saturday Night.

The police should look more carefully to keeping the peace on Glenwood road, as that thoroughfare is at times in the possession of drunken ruffians to such an extent that it is a danger to those who have occasion to travel there. This is especially the case on Saturday night, when the ruffians are out in force, and only result in making the players become rattled, the majority of whom are now playing the best ball they are capable of.

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